Ohio Northern University
University Council

Minutes, December 1, 2009

Roll:  (Absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, Dr. David Crago, Dr. Robert Ruble, Mr. Thomas Stevick, Dean Karen Condeni, Ms. Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, Dean Catherine Albrecht, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, Dr. Robert Carrothers, Dr. Toni Clarke, Prof. Randall Ewing, Mr. Michael Hamper, Dr. Errol Katayama, Dr. Brian Keas, Prof. Laurie Laird, Dr. John Lomax, Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Michael Milks, Prof. Traci Moritz, Dr. Sandra Schroeder, Dr. Kelly Shields, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Marjorie Walker, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany.

Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I. Minutes of November 3, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
   a. Budget and Appropriations: This committee is working to determine a winter quarter meeting time. They will continue to monitor 2009-10 spending and study enrollment predictions from admissions to begin 2010-11 budget projections.
   b. Academic Affairs: Will meet to discuss summer terms and overload criteria for the semester calendar.
   c. Student Activities: Met yesterday. Five prospective student organizations came before the board yesterday for approval. One of these was approved, while the other applications required various degrees of revision.
   d. Personnel: No report.

III. Reports from Operational Committees:
   a. Athletics: No report.
   b. Information Technology: Anticipate switching to Banner 8 late summer 2010; some transitional work and testing will be done between now and then.
   c. Cultural & Special Events: Meeting next Friday, December 11.
   d. International Affairs: There are now 125 international students on campus. In winter quarter, students will be invited to self-nominate themselves for the Shuhaibar scholarship.
   e. Religious Affairs: Campus Crusade for Christ has decided to assign a new staff person to Ohio Northern. Vern LaSala will be meeting with the new staff person and his or her supervisor to review our ecumenical non-alignment policy regarding outside organizations.
   f. General Education: The form for assisting faculty in requesting a tag for a general education course is ready and a link to this website form will be sent out soon via a Faculty-L. The committee is looking for database software for storing and tracking general education artifacts. Faculty are requested to see their campus general education representative if they have ideas on or experience with potential software solutions.

IV. Planning Council: Meeting monthly, focusing on metrics for tracking progress on strategic plan. They anticipate the process to take the rest of the year.
V. **Other Reports:**
   a. Jim Fenton reported that the Dicke College has submitted its proposed graduate program in Accounting to the Ohio Board of Regents for review and approval. Tomorrow the DCBA will be conducting its third Student-Employer Networking event where 50 students and approximately 20 employers will interact at the Piqua Country Club. The next DCBA Dean’s Lecture will take place in the Dicke Forum where alumnus Patrick Hampson will deliver a lecture about his entrepreneurial initiative called MED3000, a firm associated with the physician’s sector of the health care industry. To follow up on the Master Teacher Program, the college has contracted with Dr. Harvey Brightman to meet with DCBA faculty in March 2010.
   b. Catherine Albrecht reported that the marching band had a successful trip to Spain. Also, a group from the English Department enjoyed their trip to England, despite last minute changes required by massive flooding in their original destination. There is also a juried exhibition in the Elzay Gallery of Art running until Friday, December 18.
   c. Michael Hamper announced the first Student Council general assembly is tomorrow. Cabinet is putting together their goals for the quarter. An Academic Affairs forum is being planned for late January.
   d. The Health Services Advisory committee reviewed a number of potential changes to the university health plan. President Baker is hosting two forums later this week to discuss the details.
   e. Eric Baumgartner and Jon Sprague both reported on groups from the Colleges of Engineering and Pharmacy that are currently in Kenya. In a collaborative program with Ohio University, Pharmacy students have been visiting a village for the past three years to address health-related issues. This year they have been joined by three students and two faculty from the Civil Engineering department, hoping to return with an idea for a capstone project (likely related to water purification). Both colleges recognize this as a great opportunity for their students and look forward to continuing this project.

VI. **Announcements:**
   a. None.

VII. **Questions for the President:**
   a. Dr. Baker announced that significant progress has been made in filling vacant positions at ONU. A Director of Institutional Research has been hired and will start next February. The new director will continue the search for the other two positions in that office. A Human Resources Director has also been successfully recruited, who will be on campus in January. Finally, Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw has been selected to fill the Vice President for Student Affairs position after having served as “Acting VP.”

VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
   a. None.

IX. **New Business:**
   a. None.

X. **Adjournment:** Dr. Zank adjourned the meeting at 5:49PM. Council will next meet on January 19 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.
Respectfully submitted,

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David R. Mikesell, Secretary